more incentives in order that children of middle and low income groups are able to have toys; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The All India Toy Manufacturers Association have represented for abolition of excise duty on toys.

(b) A decision would be taken after considering all relevant aspects.

Issue of separate figures by the Central Statistical organisation and the Reserve Bank of India

2687. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India and the Central Statistical Organisation issue separate figures concerning the State of the economy; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some official committees have recommended that only one set of figures should be issued; and

(c) if so, the reasons for making a departure from this recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) is the official agency for release of estimates of national income, savings, etc. These estimates for a financial year are issued in the month of January of the following year. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) while commenting on the performance of the economy in their Report on Currency and Finance also presents the estimates of national income on the basis of CSO estimates of the earlier years and estimated increase in agricultural and industrial production upto July each year. It also gives the rates of savings of the economy and utilises the CSO data on the public sector savings and a part of the savings of the household sector. These estimates are subsequently revised by them when latest CSO data becomes available in January. There are thus differences between the two sets of estimates primarily because of the additional data and detailed work done by the CSO in the intervening period of July to December.

(b) A working Group on Savings set up by the Government of India under the Chairmanship of Prof. K.N. Raj to undertake a critical review of the available estimates of saving and investment in the economy recomended *inter-alia* in its report that the two set of estimates of saving of the CSO & RBI should not be different except because of the differences in the time of preparation and release of respective estimates. Accordingly, the two agencies are in continuous dialogue and a number of issues have already been sorted out and it is expected that the remaining issues would be resolved in the course of the current year.

(c) There is no departure from the recommendations of the Raj Committee and the same are being implemented.

Cheating by Punjab National Bank Naroji Nagar

2688. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab National Bank, Naroji Nagar acting through their present manager and his predecessor has cheated M/s. Nath Hardware Store, Rohilla of about 90 thousand rupees through Adarsh Gupta of M/s. Shaily and Shaily Advertising, 242, DDA Office Complex I, Jhandewalan and resident of 123 Mohammad Pur Village, R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that both the above mentioned managers in connivance with other persons encashed the Bank cheques supposedly obtained as security from M/s. Nath Hardware Store through Mr. Adarsh Gupta his brother and a teacher of Government School, Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) In accordance with the provisions of the statutes governing the nationalised banks and in accordance with the practices and usages customary among bankers, the information relating to the affairs of individual constituents cannot be divulged. The Bank has, however, reported that the allegation relating to connivance has not been substantiated.

Expenditure on Telecommunication

2689. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total Government expenditure in the field of tele-communications in each of the three years since 1982-83;

(b) the expenditure related to telecommunication separately by departments of telecommunications, electronics, railways, defence, space and information and broadcasting and other concerned Government agencies in each of the above three years and that planned for each year of the seventh five year plan;

(c) whether there is any agency in India to coordinate the activities of these departments and ministries in the matter of telecommunications, to put the expenditure to best use;

(d) whether imports of telecom equipment are carried out by Department of Telecommunications only for the entire Government sector; and

(e) if not, what has been the value of imports by each of the above departments and ministries in each of the three years since 1982-83?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) (a) to (e) The above information is being collected from the related Departments and will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

Moratorium on Bank of Cochin

2690. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when did Government declare moratorium on Bank of Cochin and what was its liability and assets at that time;

(b) the number of employees and officers were there on its roll and among them how many were absorbed by the State Bank of India;

(c) against how many employees disciplinary proceedings were initiated and whether the amalgamation with State Bank of India has been completed and if not, by when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) whether staff fixation of the absorbed staff of Bank of Cochin in State Bank of India has been completed and if not, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) An order of moratorium on the Bank of Cochin Ltd., Cochin was issued by the Government with effect from the close of business on 27-4-1985. As on the date of moratorium, the assets and liabilities of the Bank of Cochin Ltd. aggregated to Rs. 118.46 crores.

(b) The total number of employees and officers on the roll of the Bank of Cochin Ltd. as on 27-4-1985 were as under:

Workmen staff (including part-time sweepers)	—1217
Officers	—326

All workmen staff and officers of the Bank of Cochin Ltd., other than 21 officers specified in the "Schedule" annexed to the scheme of amalgamation of Bank of Cochin Ltd. with State Bank of India, were absorbed in the service of the State Bank of India.

(c) and (d) According to State Bank of India, the Bank of Cochin Ltd. had initiated disciplinary proceedings against 3 officers and 18 workmen staff prior to